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2023

House Resolution

A resolution designating September 2023 as "Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year, more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the United States are diagnosed with cancer, and 1 in 285 children and adolescents will be diagnosed with cancer by 20 years of age, and

WHEREAS, childhood and adolescent cancer occurs regularly and randomly and does not distinguish between ethnic groups, socioeconomic class, or geographic region, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 500,000 survivors of childhood and adolescent cancer in the United States, and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease after infancy for children and adolescents in the United States, and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of children and adolescents in the state are battling against cancer, many of whom will suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers, which also impacts their parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, and communities, and

WHEREAS, as many as two-thirds of childhood and adolescent cancer patients will experience late-term effects of chemotherapy or radiation, which may persist or develop for years after the cancer diagnosis, and

26 WHEREAS, as a result of greater treatment options, the 5-
 27 year relative survival rate for childhood and adolescent cancer
 28 is greater than 80 percent, with survival rates varying based on
 29 the type of cancer and the age of the patient, and

30 WHEREAS, many health care professionals, researchers,
 31 private philanthropies, and social support organizations are
 32 dedicated to helping children and their families by offering
 33 social, emotional, spiritual, educational, and financial support
 34 and are committed to generating a greater understanding of
 35 childhood and adolescent cancer and providing assistance to the
 36 children and families affected by the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 38 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 39 Florida:

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 41 That September 2023 is designated as "Childhood and
 42 Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida to raise awareness
 43 of childhood and adolescent cancer, including the late-term
 44 effects of the treatment of childhood and adolescent cancer
 45 survivors and the need for early detection, immediate care, and
 46 advanced research.